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Public Speaking.

We are requested to announce that on Saturday, April 16th, there will be a public speaking in Madison at which time Senator James P. Tallaferra and Col. Robt. W. Davis will address the people of Madison county on the political issues. It is not yet known what other candidates will be present but it is expected that all candidates for U. S. Senator and Governor will be present also and deliver addresses. It is hoped that a great crowd will be present to hear the distinguished speakers. Don't forget the date, Saturday, April 16th.

Executive Committee Meets.

Pursuant to adjournment the Democratic Executive Committee for Madison county met in the court house last Saturday morning with chairman Leslie presiding and a majority of the committee present either by person or by proxy. This meeting was held mainly for the purpose of preparing the official call under which the primary of May 16th is to be held. The work of preparing the call was not entirely completed but will be finished for publication in next week's paper. Other business transacted by the committee was the election of Council Bush as a member of the committee from district 5, Greenville, in place of C. L. Leggett who being a candidate was disqualified. B. N. Tucker was elected assistant secretary. After transacting all necessary business pertaining to State and county primary election the committee adjourned to meet again on Saturday, May, 17th, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

To Prospective Teachers.

Notice is hereby given to all who expect to become teachers, that two months instruction along the lines of the examination is offered free of cost at the County High school. Young teachers are especially urged to attend. Call on Prof. W. J. Maloy or at my office.

JOHN A. HUGHES,
Co. Supt.

March 30th, 1904.

A Boy's Wild Ride For Life.

With family around expecting him to die, and a son riding for life, 18 miles to get Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds, W. H. Brown, of Leesville, Ind., endured death's agonies from asthma; but this wonderful medicine gave instant relief and soon cured him. He writes: "I now sleep soundly every night." Like marvelous cures of consumption, pneumonia, bronchitis, coughs and colds and grip prove its matchless merit for all throat and lung troubles. Trial bottles free at D. G. Smith, a drug store.

Epworth League Organized.

An Epworth League of forty-three members was organized by the pastor at the Methodist church last Sunday night. The officers are as follows:

President: J. L. Morrow; First Vice Pres., Alonzo Rowe; Second Vice-Pres., Miss Vann Wilson; Third Vice Pres., Miss Whittie Dickinson; Secretary, E. W. Rice; Treasurer, Walter Wade; Organist, Miss Cornelia Witherspoon.

The devotional meetings of the League will be held at the church every Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The young people are enthusiastic in this work and we bid them godspeed. Those who have not yet enlisted are cordially invited to do so. Go out next Sunday afternoon and take part in the exercises.

A Card.

I adopt this method of thanking my many friends for their proffers of aid and support in the coming primary for the office of county judge, but after careful consideration I have concluded that my farming interests and home affairs are of such nature as to prevent my becoming a candidate for that office.

Very respectfully,
J. O. JOHNSON.

Hicktown Items.

Well Mr. Editor I see nothing from our community in your paper so I will write a few dots.

I am a farmer, Mr. Editor, and am progressing nicely along that line. The farmers generally out this way are getting on nicely.

Mrs. G. W. Bond went fishing this week and caught twenty-eight fine bream. Along came a candidate just in time for dinner, so some one reported, to get his name in the pot. He failed to make known his wants in our settlement.

Mr. Ernest Thomas put out poison for larks last Tuesday and slayed larks, blackbirds, doves and crows.

A FARMER.

So Sweet and Pleasing in Taste!

Mrs. C. Peterson, 625 Lake St., Topeka, Kan., speaking of Ballard's Horehound Syrup, says: "It has never failed to give entire satisfaction, and of all cough remedies, it is my favorite, and I must confess to my many friends that it will do, and has done, what is claimed for it—to speedily cure a cough or a cold; and it is so sweet and pleasing in taste." 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 bottle at W. B. Davis.

RUN-OVER LOCALS.

Rev. H. C. Christian, presiding elder of the Tallahassee district will preach at the Methodist church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Everybody is invited to hear this eminent and eloquent minister. A very conference will be held at the church on Monday morning at 10 o'clock. All official members are urged to be present.

A. Livingston, Dr. J. H. McCall, H. J. and B. McCall returned Saturday from a stay of several days at Homestead Springs. They report that the new hotel at that famous resort is nearing completion and that it will be ready to receive guests about May 1st. Samuel B. Smith, a Madison boy of the long ago, is the proprietor.

Harry S. DuVal, a Madison boy but now living in Charlotte, N. C., where he has headquarters as Soliciting Agent for the Southern Railway, passed through Madison last Saturday en route to Quincy for a short visit with his sister, Mrs. Lamar. We are sorry that Harry did not have time to stop at Madison to see his friends.

The regular monthly meeting of Elizabeth Harris Chapter, U. D. C., will be held in the parlors of the Merchant Hotel on Wednesday afternoon, April 6th, 3:30 o'clock. Much important business is to be transacted at this meeting, and the attendance of all members of the chapter is urged and expected. In all probability arrangements will be perfected at this meeting for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

127 fine bream as large as the brim of a Texas hat all caught with a hook and line in about three and a half hours is catching 'em some. This is the record made by a good man one day last week who is known to everybody as a ruthless man—a man that never boasts of what he does, has done, can or will do—but a man who does as he says. It is now up to Ole Sanders to give an account of himself, and to tell just why he can't shoot 'em—he having also gone out one day last week only to return after an all days absence with about fourteen. Wash Sutley should report on duty at the next calling out of the champion fishermen's convention and explain his troubles, and Ben Stewart and John Kent—well they must learn how to bait a hook or quit posing as fishermen.

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THE JENNINGS LETTER

What the State Newspapers Have to Say About It.

Before Senator Tallaferra could take the time from his public duties to prepare a reply to Governor Jennings' "open letter" (with which he is already flooding the State), and almost before the busy Senator could even get time to read the letter, a large number of Florida newspapers have taken the matter up and commented upon the letter in characteristic style. A few of these expressions are here reproduced, that they may have equal publicity with the letter, and with Senator Tallaferra's reply thereto, which will be forthcoming as soon as he can spare the time from his official duties to prepare it:

St. Augustine Record: Governor Jennings has addressed an open letter to Senator Tallaferra, in which he invites and urges the Senator to meet him in debate. It is quite probable that Senator Tallaferra will remain in Washington attending to the duties of the office which he holds and receives a salary for, and the Record is of the opinion that the Governor would have little time to seek another office if he would remain in Tallahassee attending to the duties of the one which he now holds and receives a salary for.

Palm Beach News: Governor Jennings appears to be "hoist with his own petard." He, too, wants to go into the boomerang business, and the chances are that like Stockton, should he attempt political target practice, his weapons will rebound with fatal effect. The Governor has challenged Senator Tallaferra to political discussion and announces his purpose to ride the Senator's record, to the discomfort and mortification of his friend, by subject, page, section and paragraph. Detraction loves a shining mark; hence the whole pack, Tray, Blanche and Sweetheart, of political aspirants, are on the leap after Senator Tallaferra.

Tallahassee: It was a desperate effort to meet and counteract the known and expressed wish of Senator Tallaferra that the State Democratic Executive Committee designate times and places for a joint debate between all the candidates for Senator. That is not what Jennings wants. The party be amazed, with him, the would rather get off in a backwoods place and tell that Tallaferra refused to

meet him—as he told about his office hours over in West Florida, where he thought it would not be reported. That is the Jennings method of campaigning and to meet the committee appointments would not permit it.

Miami News: The Governor denies that he used the words attributed to him by Senator Tallaferra to the effect that the Senator had "done nothing since he had been in Congress," and then gives the credit for Tallaferra's work in the Indian claim collection to ex-Senator Pasco. The News does not question the statement that ex-Senator Pasco did all that could have been done at that time, but the collection of the claim was not made until Tallaferra was in the Senate and the collection was what enabled the Legislature to apply the money to the State's bonded debt; thus reducing the interest on it and making a saving to the taxpayers.

As to the Governor's charges that Senator Tallaferra never introduced a bill for an appropriation for any river or harbor improvement in the western part of the State, the people will not be misled. Senator Mallory and Congressman Sparkman introduced those bills and Senator Tallaferra helped to get them passed, without assuming the prerogatives due to his colleagues.

The Governor wastes a good many words in trying to prove that the State Legislature and other officials cannot use money, appropriated for harbor improvements, in reducing State taxes. No voter in Florida is so ignorant as not to know that.

The Governor reproaches the Senator with allowing a bank with which he is connected to be a repository of government funds instead of introducing a bill to change the national banking laws. That the national banking laws could be improved there is no doubt. In the meantime the money must be deposited somewhere, and if the Tallaferra bank is a sufficiently solid institution to warrant its selection as a depository, it is but another acknowledgment of the ability of our "Business Senator." And, also in the meantime, the Senator has put in his time pretty well in getting appropriations for Florida waters, which mean much more practical benefit to the State than juggling with the banking laws, making a grandstand play of introducing a bill merely to say he did it.

These are specimens of the Governor's charges against the record of Senator Tallaferra.

The Senator has not been heard from in reply, but his friends and admirers are quite certain that he can and will answer every charge to the perfect satisfaction of the people.

Ocala Banner: Governor Jennings claims that Senator Tallaferra is no more entitled to the credit for collecting the Indian war claims fund than was Senator Pasco and his associates in Congress.

Sentator Pasco was given twelve years and his associates, one after another, two or more terms, at least partly on account of it, and ultimately failed to get the claim in such a shape that it could be turned into the treasury of the State.

Why should Senator Tallaferra be treated less fairly?

It was Senator Pasco and his associates' misfortune that when the bill for the collection of this claim passed the Senate it could not be engineered through the House, and when it ran the gauntlet of the house died a natural death on the table of the Senate.

It may have been only "luck" with Senator Tallaferra, but the fact remains that by acting in entire harmony with his associates in Congress he was able to pass the bill, which had been hanging fire for more than half a century, through both houses, and turned the cold cash into the treasury of the State of Florida.

Money talks.

Admitting that his predecessors denied the cards, it must be granted that Senator Tallaferra played the hand both skilfully and adroitly and won out where others, one after another, in turn, had failed.

In statecraft, the same as in business, success has always been the standard of measurement.

The money having been paid into treasury of the State Governor Jennings complains that it has not gone for "lowering taxes and lessening the burdens of all the people," as claimed by Senator Tallaferra, as only \$430,833 was by legislative direction applied to the State's bonded debt.

What if not one penny had been applied to the cancellation of the State's indebtedness and the entire amount had been appropriated by the Legislature for the building of good roads, the enlargement of the capitol building, or the payment of pensions, instead of levying taxes for these purposes, would not this amount received from the general government have "lessened the burdens of all the people and lowered taxes." Identically in the same proportion as if the entire amount had been applied towards the payment of the State's bonded debt?

It is reaching the same place—reaching identically the same results—by a different route. That is all.

Can the securing of pension for an Indian war veteran be made available for "lowering taxes and lessening the burdens of all the people?"

Sure.

The soldiers in the Indian war were likewise soldiers in the Civil war, or many of them were, and when one of the names of these veterans is put on the Federal list it is taken off the State list, and in this way the "burdens of the people are lessened and the taxes lowered."

During his whole four years of service Governor Jennings charges that Senator Tallaferra has never introduced a bill, resolution or amendment on any subject embodying any principle of the Democratic platform which he was commanded to do.

What does Senator Tallaferra say along this line? We quote his words:

"I was among those in the United States Senate who strenuously endeavored to bring to a vote the resolution to amend the Constitution and provide for the election of United States Senators by a direct vote of the people."

Was that not doing something his platform commanded him to do?

Sentator Tallaferra did that because he thought there were some Republicans in favor of the measure and a possibility of its passage.

With a Republican president and a Republican Senate and a Republican House of Representatives let us calmly suppose the Senator Tallaferra had introduced a bill, and persistently continued to do so, "for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1," would it not have been regarded as a "play to the galleries"—the small by-play of a politician?

Governor Jennings also charges that Senator Tallaferra has not "prepared from Congress an appropriation of \$22

hundred for any place or point in Florida out of the St. John's river."

The interior was never recognized in any manner, we may say, until Senator Tallaferra took his seat in the Senate, but we now feel that we occupy a place on the map.

Ocala has secured an appropriation for a site for a public building and a bill making an appropriation for the building itself has been introduced in the Senate and will follow in due course of time; Gainesville has secured an appropriation for a public building, and Lake City, Orlando and other interior cities are beginning to take hope and courage.

Prominent citizens of Crystal River, in conversation, have recently said to me that though holding Governor Jennings in high esteem, they are so well pleased with the appropriation Senator Tallaferra has secured for their port that they feel it unwise to "swap horses while crossing the stream," and will vote to continue him in his seat as United States Senator from Florida.

We think this is rapidly becoming the universal verdict of the people, and to unseat him Governor Jennings will have to construct a stronger letter than the one he puts forth in today's paper.

Interesting Facts.

I want each and every individual voter to understand that the figures I submit in this and all other articles that will appear from time to time in the New Enterprise upon the question of taxation are accurate facts, filed with the clerk of court and are subject to inspection by everyone. If you have any doubts as to the correctness of the figures submitted, I will simply say, go and examine the record for your own satisfaction.

The reader will please follow me out on the Ellaville road to the NW 1/4 of W 1/4, section 23, which land was sold by Mr. Patterson to A. Zipperer and others in the fall or winter of 1901 and the valuation in the year mentioned was seven dollars per acre or two hundred and eighty dollars for the tract. I find upon the tax books of 1902, the following valuations: Prezier Clayton, five acres valued at \$300.00 or \$60.00 per acre with the same improvements included in 1901; Rev. S. Crockett five acres valued at \$300.00; Church Lyons five acres valued at \$300.00; J. A. Brown five acres valued at \$100.00; A. Zipperer four acres valued at \$300.00 or seventy-five dollars per acre and ten acres in the northeast corner of tract valued at \$150.00 or \$15.00 per acre. Lying broadside and south of this tract is the SW 1/4 of W 1/4, section 23, valued at six dollars per acre. A jump from seven dollars an acre to fifteen, twenty, thirty and seventy five dollars per acre is quite a leap—a Dana Thompson high diver.

Let us compare notes a little and see how things run. Take SW 1/4 of W 1/4, section 22, and place it by the side of the ten acres in the northeast corner of NW 1/4 of W 1/4, one acre each, the other fifteen dollars, no improvement on either tract. Also Clayton's five acres with same improvements of 1901 are worth more in 1902 than the entire forty acres were worth in 1901. If Clayton's valuation is right then the other five acre tracts are wrong, so much so that a blind man can see it. All who travel the Ellaville road and will take the trouble to look and compare Mr. Clayton's five acre tract with the other five acre tracts except J. A. Brown cannot see the inequality shown, and I feel satisfied that an unbiased mind will not question my judgment.

Again, to determine or ascertain the value of Mr. Lyons and Mr. Crockett's land the improvements were considered in the calculation that being the case, then as a matter of fact, Mr. Zipperer's improvement were also considered to reach his valuation. It is not reasonable to suppose that every man is posted concerning the law governing taxation, and confidence is placed in the man who performs the work to do the square thing; it is his duty to treat friend and foe alike. Now, I will state for the information of the public that Mr. Zipperer's were not regarded as subject to taxation under the law for the year 1902. Therefore, the tax or overplus over and above the legitimate value of naked land should be refunded by somebody.

Very respectfully,
FRED P. SUAFER.



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